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PROGRAM

Saint Mark Baptist Church proudly supports our members in the continuing of their education made possible through the faithful stewardship of its members. Students who have demonstrated and maintained a high level of academic achievement, as well as school, community and ministry involvement are encouraged to apply.

Interested applicants may apply for the scholarship program and may continue to apply each year as long as they are working on their first undergraduate degree or certificate program.

The Saint Mark Baptist Church Scholarship Program is offered to qualified students without regard to race, color, national origin, or disability.



SELECTION

Selection of recipients is made by the Scholarship Committee composed of members of Saint Mark Baptist Church. The Committee reviews all materials submitted by eligible applicants through a blind review process, where applicants' names and other personally identifiable information are masked to ensure a fair and consistent selection process.

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academics, personal achievement, personal essay, recommendations, financial need, and school/community and Saint Mark Baptist Church Ministry involvement.



AWARDS

Scholarship awards vary in number and amount granted, with a minimum award payment of \$500. Saint Mark has awarded nearly \$650,000 in scholarships since the program's inception.

All applicants will be notified by May 1, 2020 of their award status.



PAYMENT

Checks are sent each semester to scholarship recipients, payable jointly to the student and the school, and must be endorsed by both. Failure to enroll in the second semester will result in forfeiture of the remaining proceeds.



ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be an active member of Saint Mark Baptist Church, who has completed New Membership Orientation and received the Right Hand of Fellowship.
- Be currently involved in Ministry/Community Involvement at Saint Mark Baptist Church or Community, (verified by the Division Servant and/or Ministry Director)
- Be a graduating high school senior or be currently enrolled in either a two-year or four-year accredited college/university, working toward your first degree/certificate.
- Not be currently on Academic Suspension at the attending college or university.



APPLICATION

The application is available at SMARK.ORG/Resources March 1, 2020 The completed application packet must contain:

- Completed scholarship application, including a personal essay, as described on the application (TYPEWRITTEN);
- Current official high school transcript (for graduating seniors) OR college/university transcript in a sealed envelope with seal/watermark (for continuing undergraduate students);
- Copy of acceptance letter from college/university (for high school seniors);
- Verification of current ministry/community involvement;
- Three letters of recommendation;
- Current close-up photo of student.

Failure to meet application requirements may disqualify applicant.



QUESTIONS

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

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